

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, NIS Committee

SUBJECT: Maintenance of the Chapter IX

REFERENCE: Minutes of NIS Committee Meeting No. 301,  
24 November 1959

1. In accordance with instructions given at reference NIS Committee meeting, the Chapter IX Subcommittee submits herewith its recommendations for improvement of Chapter IX maintenance. The Subcommittee findings were developed in the course of six meetings on the subject and represent a consensus view that is agreed to by all members. This memorandum outlines Subcommittee findings in brief; a more detailed discussion is contained in annexes to this report.

2. Problem. To improve the maintenance of map and chart appraisal intelligence appearing in published National Intelligence Surveys.

3. Conclusions.

a. Resources are not available across-the-board for an increase in scheduled Chapter IX production.

b. For the present, there should be no increase in the production of maintenance units at the expense of production on new areas. (Annex A.)

c. Given present NIS criteria, no appreciable savings in manpower can be realized from reductions in Chapter IX content. Some reductions proposed in the interest of tightening the Chapter may, however, aid individual contributors in meeting deadlines. (Annex B.)

d. Substantial improvement in the maintenance of map and chart appraisal intelligence can be achieved through adoption of a Chapter IX outline that permits maintenance to be accomplished by Section rather than by Chapter. The new outline should take the form of an integration of Sections 90, 91, and 92 on the basis of major subject categories contained in Section 91, with an accompanying establishment of new Sections that are independent of other Sections. (Annex C.)

e. Certain regroupings of sub-categories should be made in the interest of logical organization and reader convenience. (Annex C.)

f. Minor changes should be made in the outline and contents of Section 19 and the map and chart appraisal component of NIS Annuals in order to conform to changes in the Chapter IX. (Annex D.)

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3. Recommendations. It is recommended that:

a. Reductions and eliminations in the content of the Chapter IX be made as described in Annex B.

b. The Chapter IX outline be revised as follows (see Annex C for fuller presentation):

Section 90. Topographic and physical maps and chart

- A. General
- B. Topographic maps [including terrain models]
- C. Specialized physical maps
- D. Terrain-evaluation maps
- E. Coastal oceanographic charts
- F. Climatic maps

Section 91. Aeronautical charts and air-transport maps

- A. General
- B. Air and air-facility charts
- C. Air-transport maps

Section 92. Nautical charts and port-facility plans

- A. General
- B. Sailing, general, and coast charts
- C. Port and harbor charts and plans

Section 93. Land transportation and communication maps and charts

- A. General
- B. Railroad maps
- C. Road maps
- D. Inland-waterway maps and charts
- E. Telecommunication and postal maps
- F. Pipeline maps

Section 94. Sociological, political, economic, and urban areas maps and plans

- A. General
- B. Sociological maps
- C. Political maps
- D. Economic maps
- E. Maps and plans of urban areas

c. The outline and contents of Section 19 and the map and chart appraisal component of NIS Annuals be changed as described in Annex D.

d. Introduction of the revised Chapter IX treatment commence as soon as feasible following NIS Committee approval.

e. Maintenance on a Section basis be introduced at the time that an NIS Area previously produced according to the revised Chapter IX outline is scheduled for initial or further maintenance.

f. Introduction of the revised treatment for Section 19 and NIS Annuals commence at the time that NIS areas previously covered according to the revised Chapter IX are scheduled.

g. The Coordination Staff, Geography Division, ORR, prepare working memoranda and changes to the NIS Standard Instructions as necessary to provide adequate guidance to Chapter IX contributors.

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Enclosures:

Annexes A, B, C, and D